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TO SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN HEALTH CARE
PROVIDER ENVIRONMENTS

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**REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1) and
AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive the Examiner's Answer before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, which raised new issues. Applicant has re-opened prosecution by virtue of this response, in compliance with 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1).

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.